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SENATOR BEREUTER: I do and this is the expression of the municipal officials I've talked. That's what the League of Nebraska Municipalities does not object to.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Bereuter, I still am concerned about the bill. I'm not going to vote against the bill at this time or vote for it either. I think perhaps that with personal discussion maybe you can resolve some of my questions. I'll reserve those for a later date then. Thank you.

SENATOR BEREUTER: I welcome them. I need your vote now though.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a question of two of Senator Bereuter. He hasn't had any this morning so he deserves a few.

SENATOR BEREUTER: I'd be happy to.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you very much for responding Senator Bereuter. You have referred, from time to time, about the existing state law. Is this the one that was enacted in 1967?

SENATOR BEREUTER: The major amendments to local, that is city and county land use law, took place in '67. Some of it traces back to the 1930's.

SENATOR RUMERY: This law was enacted then in 1967 and we didn't hear any results from it until recently. Does this mean that the State of Nebraska ignored this law to a large extent?

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, we have many cities and counties that utilizing it, in excess of 120, if you total them. But in many cases they are not providing the type of conformance with state law in every respect that they should be. I would say the cities of the first class have the staff typically to do it. But below that there's more problems.

SENATOR RUMERY: You have referred to the Office of Planning and Programming. Was it established with this law in 1967, or when was it established?

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, it was established in 1969.

SENATOR RUMERY: One other question. I hope it's fair to ask you who wants this law? Is this your own bill, or are there subdivisions, or are there groups in the state who are insisting on this?

SENATOR BEREUTER: It is my bill. I drafted it personally. After I drafted it I circulated it widely.

SENATOR RUMERY: To whom?

SENATOR BEREUTER: To the municipalities, a few in my district, then specifically to the two associations that represent the counties and the cities. I heard really no response from the counties on it at all, with only one exception and it was favorable. The League and I did talk about it and they have no objections.